

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 1, line 6 of the specification with the following:

This application is a national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. 371 of International Application No. PCT/EP/99/00902, filed February 11, 1999 and claims priority to Germany Application No. 19805719.9, filed February 12, 1998, ~~German Patent Application No. 19806848.4, filed February 18, 1998,~~ and German Patent Application No. 19855894.5, filed December 3, 1998.